

#### CASKET BEARERS

Adam Jones                      Steve Isar  
John Corbin                     Stan Howell  
David Schilling                 Dwain Sayre

#### FUNERAL SERVICE

Wednesday, November 24, 2010 10:30 a.m.  
Columbia City, IN  
Saturday, November 27, 2010 11:30 a.m.  
Wharton, OH

#### OFFICIATING

Pastor Jim Martin & Pastor Johnny McCallister  
First Church of God  
Pastor Joe Carney  
Wharton Church of God

#### BURIAL

Wharton-Richland-Union Cemetery  
Wharton, OH

#### I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard him call,  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
I've found that peace at the close of day.

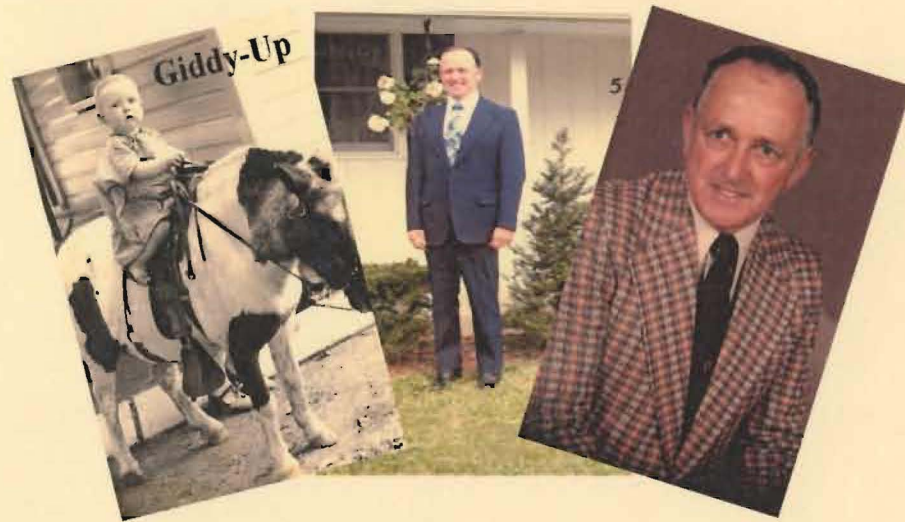
If my parting has left a void,  
then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah, yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now; He set me free.

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# EACH LIFE HAS A STORY



*In Loving Memory of*  
**Merritt A. Eatherton**



Entered life on September 9, 1926  
Began a new life on November 21, 2010

**Merritt Asa Eatherton**, 84, of Columbia City, IN went quickly, but safely and peacefully home to his Lord and Savior at Parkview Whitley Emergency Room, Columbia City at 3:37 am Sunday, November 21, 2010. He was born on September 9, 1926 in Fostoria, OH the son of Asa Brayton and Nora Mae (Vanderhoff) Eatherton.



Merritt was raised in Fostoria and Wharton areas and graduated from Wharton High School with the Class of 1944. He proudly served in United States Navy and on April 23,

1947 he married the love of his life, Maxine Joan Corbin at the Wharton Church of God parsonage. They began their married life by operating an 80 acre dairy farm for many years, in the meantime, he also worked for Cobey Farm Equipment and other Cobey Enterprises in Bucyrus, Kenton and Gallion, OH. He



retired after 20 years service as the Vice President and General Manager of Eagle Crusher in Gallion. In 2004 he and his wife moved to Columbia City to be near family. He was a member of Wharton and Columbia City Churches of God. At the Wharton Church of God he served as an Elder for 32 years, Sunday School Superintendent for 15 years, Sunday School Teacher for 20+ years, Deacon and Chairman of Church Board. He also had an amazing 54 years of perfect attendance at the Wharton

Church of God. For the Ohio Conference of the Churches of God he served on the Board of Finance as Treasurer, Financial Secretary, President of Layman's Association and on the Executive Board as Member at Large. He also taught and served as a Dean at Camp Otyokwah. For the Churches of God General Conference, he served as President of C.G.W.B for 6 years, delegate to General Conference and for several years he served as Trustee of Winebrenner Seminary, Findlay, OH where he also attended classes to further his education. He was a very active member of the Wyandot County Camp of Gideon's International, before moving to Indiana in 2004 to be near family. Merritt was an avid Ohio State sports fan.



He enjoyed taking his grandchildren to sporting events and he loved anything shared with his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Maxine Joan Eatherton, Columbia City; 2 children, Bob (Deb) Eatherton of Columbia City and David (Bethany) James, Grandview, TN; 3 grandchildren including, April (Stephen) Isar and Christin (Adam) Jones both of Fort Wayne and Jennie James, Lincoln, NE; 3 great grandchildren, Alissa Mae Isar, Sierra Dahlia Isar and Joanna Maxine Jones all of Fort Wayne; 1 brother, Dale Lavern Eatherton, Fostoria and 1 sister, Ruth Louise Mathias, Fostoria. He is preceded in death by 1 brother, Maynard Francis Eatherton and 2 sisters, Olive Mae Rathbunn-Gilhouse-Gillette-Kimble and Janet Kay Krupp-Stock.

Visitation will be held from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 23, 2010 and from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 24, 2010 both at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City. Funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Jim Martin and Pastor Johnny McCallister, of the First Church of God, Columbia City, officiating. Visitation will also be held at the Wharton Church of God, Cass Road, Wharton, OH on Saturday, November 27, 2010 from 10-11:30 a.m. with funeral service immediately following with Pastor Joe Carney, officiating. Committal service with military graveside rites will follow in the Wharton-Richland-Union Cemetery, Wharton. Memorial bequests may be given in Mr. Eatherton's memory to First Church of God Building Fund, Wharton Church of God Mission Fund, Gideon's International or Winebrenner Seminary, 950 N Main Street, Findlay, OH 45840-3652. [To send family condolences or to sign the guest register please log on to www.demoneygrimes.com](http://www.demoneygrimes.com)

